

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-13, 15-16, 18-22, 27-31 and 34 are pending. Claims 4 and 16 are amended herein. Claims 14, 17, and 32-33 have been cancelled.

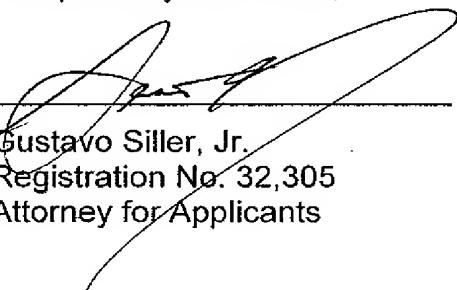
Rejections under 35 USC § 112

Claims 4, 14, 16, 17 and 32-33 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have amended claims 4 and 16 according to the Examiner's suggestion in the Office Action dated June 7, 2006 and submit that the amended claims overcome the rejection. Claims 14, 17, and 32-33 have been cancelled.

Summary

The Examiner indicated that the pending claims would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-13, 15-16, 18-22, 27-31 and 34 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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